GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No. 649 on February 26, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the information asked for has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which the said information is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The Government of Gujarat hasinformed that 14 employees of Public Sector Industries and their four family members were found killed in Kutch district in earthquake that struck Gujarat on 26.01.2001. No casualties were reported from other districts of the Saurashtra, Kutch regions. Most of the houses of employees of said industries were severely affected in Kutch district and in other districts their houses were more or less damaged. The details of casualties, compensation and assistance provided are given in Annexure.I.

As per the information made available by the Deptt. of Public Enterprises in respect of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), only one labourer of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. has been killed in earthquake that struck Gujarat on January 26, 2001. Around 320 houses of Hindustan Salt Ltd.and one house belonging to Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals have been damaged. Airport Authority of India Ltd. and MMTC Ltd. have informed that the loss of damage to houses are been assessed. Bharat Earth Movers has informed that one apartment has been damaged in earthquake.

The Central Public Sector Undertakings have initiated different schemes for the affected employees and their family members. The details of the compensation and assistance provided/proposed to be provided is placed at Annexure.II.

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has initiated a comprehensive plan entailing rapid assessment of damages to houses and buildings, financial assistance, dissemination of appropriate technology, establishment of building and community centres to demonstrate house of disaster resistance, adoption of villages and basties for comprehensive development. The details are placed at Annexure.III.

The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) hasalso announced schemes for building up small and tiny industries to the existing as well as new entrepreneurs in earthquake affected areas. The features of the these schemes are given in Annexure-IV.